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CHECKING OUT THE NEW HIGHER PRICES IN THE GREAT HALL SINCE 1961

Ontario residents only eligible for student aid fund

by Meg Murphy
The Varsity (CUP)

The provincial government is sticking to its guns despite vocal resistance by Ontario universities to a new student aid program that's only available to Ontario residents.

The Tories announced in their last budget that they would be setting up the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund, which would be used to provide students with financial aid.

The government said it would match whatever money universities could raise for the trust fund. They also announced that only students who are residents of Ontario will have access to the money.

Ontario residents who live outside of the province for the year before they attend university are also excluded from using the fund. Many university administrators say the province does not have the right to dictate who should have access to the

funds when they are only providing half of them.

The University of Toronto has been active through the Council of Ontario Universities in lobbying the government to reconsider this decision, says university vice-president Dan Lang.

"Is the government being just, fair, and reasonable? No, it's not. It is claiming 100 per cent control over funds of which it is only providing 50 per cent," he said.

In a Aug. 26 speech in North Bay, Minister of Education and Training John Snobelen said that the province plans to stick with the decision to limit access to the fund.

Jackie Creber, a spokeswoman from the universities branch of the Ministry of Education and Training, says Snobelen is unwilling to reconsider the matter at this time. But she adds that the Ontario universities do have a point. "There is a good case to be made for (the expan-

sion of the fund), but it was our decision to limit the fund to Ontario residents. And the policy is consistent with other policies we have," she said.

But this situation is different because the province should not be telling universities what to do with a fund when they are only partially responsible for the money within it, says Arnice Cadiuex, of the Council of Ontario Universities.

She says the council is worried the Ontario-only restriction will limit the mobility of Canadian students.

"(The council) felt that when we look at the size of our nation and the challenges of mobility that students face, they would have been well-served by being able to access funds to enable a student from the east or west coast to study in Ontario," she said.

Lang agrees. He says the restriction does not make sense because the government has itself expressed concern about the lack of mobility of students among provinces.

In fact, the Ontario-only restriction moves in the opposite direction of the initiative established just last year by the Council of Ministers of Education, which pushed the universities to become more flexible about transfer credits to promote mobility, he says.

"Limiting the portability of financial aid goes in the opposite direction of that initiative," Lang said.



Will the Internet cause an academic revolution?

by Michael Connors
The Muse (CUP)

Academics who once praised the Internet for giving students more access to information, are now worried it is also providing students with easy access to pre-written essays. Essay writing services are following the lead of large corporations everywhere and using the World Wide Web to market their services to students around the world.

Last June, Kenny Sahr, a Florida journalism student, launched "School Sucks," a web-site dedicated to collecting and cataloguing college term papers. Professors and students across the U.S. have criticized Sahr for openly encouraging students to cheat. Sahr denies that this is the purpose of the site. "Until now we've been playing a game of hide-and-no-seek," he says. "Students get catalogues, pay money for papers and the academic world pretends it's not there. I'm putting the cards on the table."

Sahr argues that students won't use his web site to cheat in school because it is too easy for professors to check what essays are on the site. In the past two months "School Sucks" has received over 250 term papers from college students, mostly in the U.S., and the site has been visited over 50,000 times. "Who we're dealing with now in terms of college students in the U.S., Canada and the rest of the world are adults. So if society prepares us correctly, we shouldn't have a problem. I think the fact that the students know the professors (have access) is going to be enough to deter them (from cheating)," says Sahr, who proclaims he is completely against plagiarism.

Some professors are sceptical. "The intention is quite plain. It says 'Download Your Workload, The Worldwide Library of College Papers.' It's a great idea from a commercial standpoint," says Danny Vickers, a history professor at Memorial University.

Andrew Draskoy, a systems administrator at Memorial agrees plagiarizing from web sites is risky. "It is presumably just as easy for the professor to find the paper as it is for the student," Draskoy says. "If you pass off something wholesale as your own, the thing is it's still sitting there on the Net. One day somebody else beside you is going to find it, and the chance that somebody is going to notice that it's exactly the same as your own paper is considerable."

Web sites like Sahr's are forcing universities to consider the potential for Internet plagiarism. The ability to run a key word search of the entire web and pull up relevant items, including complete term papers, could tempt any student in a desperate situation to download the essay, print it off and hand it in, some professors say.

"In the short run, it could lead to the possibility of students with appropriate skills not only finding stuff on the Internet, but serving as brokers for other people -- writing term papers for other people," Vickers says.

Assessing exactly how many students upload their papers to the Internet is almost impossible. Understanding why they do is equally difficult. "There's absolutely no legal or moral reason why they shouldn't put them up there," says Draskoy. "I don't see any particular reason why they shouldn't. I also don't see any particular reason why they should."

Academics are quick to point out there is no guarantee papers found on the web are any good. "A lot of the papers are garbage," Sahr admits. "If the student can't go to the page and determine what's good and what's not worth anything, then I can't help (them)."

Sahr defends the usefulness of the site, saying it gives examples of how other people write term papers and provides bibliographical sources for students.

Whatever the reason behind Sahr's site, it is forcing change in the academic world. "No doubt I've opened the Pandora's box," he says. "I do understand the concerns professors have. What I really see is a checks and balance system."

"It forces the student to be honest, because you can go to my site but you can't cheat there. On the professor's side, a lot of students know what it's like to be in a class of over 100 people. There's no way to assess your knowledge and learning in that class, in a big lecture hall. So they give you two papers to write over the semester... on some generic topic. This will make it too hard for the mediocre professors to do that. "I'm hoping to change some of the behaviour in a lot of the academic world, and I think I've succeeded in it."

So how do professors, students and universities need to adapt to this new reality? "There's no particular legal or technical solution to what's on the Net," said Draskoy. "It has to come down to the students and professors themselves." "Really the only solution to it is to make students aware of the issues and consequences of plagiarism and for the professors to be aware that it is going on."

Vickers sees essay web sites as an opportunity for professors to reconsider the way they approach teaching.

"I am not totally out of sympathy with (Sahr's) point," Vickers says. "In the longer run, it might not be altogether bad, because what it would force professors to do is to design written projects that are closely integrated with, not only the general topic of the course, but the way the course is being run."

"It might spell the end of the sort of lax, write a paper on any topic you want' approach. Traditional papers aren't useless, but anything which forces a professor to rethink their method is good because professors don't do that enough."

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The Discussion Paper

by Heather Melcher

Vice-President, External

What? The Discussion Paper is a report that was released by the Ministry of Education and Training in Ontario in the summer of 1996. The paper outlines proposed changes to post-secondary education which would significantly affect students at Laurentian.

The Main Points:

Rationalization - The Ministry states that universities have too much duplication within their own institution and between other universities. The most drastic rationalization concept is "Centres of Excellence" in which each university would offer one or two specialized programs (there would only be one medical school and one teacher's college in Ontario, etc.). If the university in your home town doesn't offer the program you want, you will have to relocate.

ICRPs - Also known as Income Contingent Repayment Plan, it is a great concept in theory. Every post-secondary student in Ontario (eventually everyone in Canada) can get as much money as they need to get through school and they don't have to start paying it back until they have a good paying job. So what's wrong with that? As soon as you get the loan, it starts incurring interest... all the way until you start paying it off. What happens if you lose your good-paying job or get a drastic pay cut? You stop paying your loan while the interest keeps piling up. You could realistically be paying off this loan for the rest of your life.

Privatization - The taxpayers are holding the bulk of the responsibility for your education and they don't like it. The Ministry feels that students must be made more accountable for their education. One way to make sure that the taxpayers and the governments don't have to foot the bill for your tuition is to sell your university to a large corporation. That way, the government is no longer responsible for public funding (hooray for the taxpayers!). The problem is, the corporation can now charge anything they want for tuition since there are no provincial guidelines for a private institution (boo-hoo for the students!). Welcome to the concept of Ivy League universities in Canada.

Now What? An advisory Panel on the Future of Post-Secondary Education has been set up by the Ministry. They will be travelling to Sudbury on September 26 for consultations with students, faculty, staff and administration. The SGA will be planning something big for this day, so keep your eyes open for upcoming news.

For more information on the Discussion Paper, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact Heather Melcher, Vice-President External in the SGA office.

Dear Students,

A warm welcome to all new students, whether this year, they begin a bachelor degree or a master's degree...

The beginning of a new school year is always a time of near-panic for new students. There is a frantic search for class locations, the departments, the library, the bookstore... and the student association. This year, I will lend a helping hand... unfortunately, it is only to those who begin a master's or a doctorate.

There is a Graduate Students' Association at Laurentian University that deals specifically with graduate issues. IT is bilingual association that also goes under the name of L'Association des étudiant(e)s des études supérieures. You can reach us through the following avenues:

- office location: SCE 211
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Unfortunately, there are no regular office hours, but you may leave a message by telephone, campus mail or even a slip of paper under the door. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

One last thing... If you like student politics and are interested in participating, there are a number of positions on the student council that are still available. There are also a number of committees in the university that need a graduate student representative.

I await your news and comments! I hope everyone has a good year!

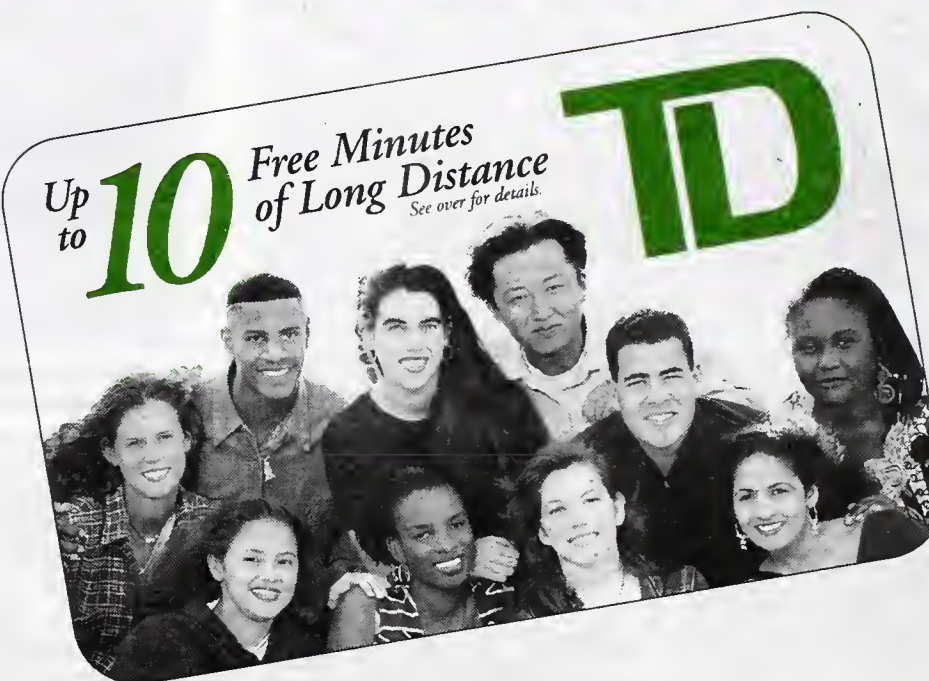
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Miscellaneous Ramblings

Well, another year has begun. We're back and planning great things for our readers and non-readers. This section is the Official Lambda soapbox. Once a week, we decide what the heck is irking us to no end and we let you know about it.

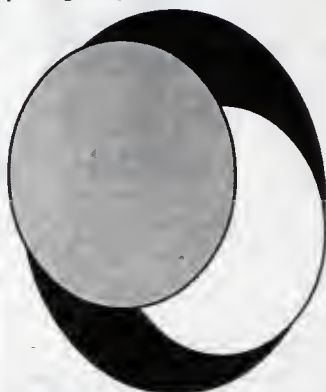
This week, we're upset at the SGA. Big surprise you might be thinking. But wait, there's more. We're upset that the SGA, for the first time in many years, has not given us a reason to complain during Frosh Week. What a refreshing change! Things ran smoothly, there were no major glitches (on the part of the SGA) and we believe that they did not lose as much money as in previous years. Many events were free (Spaghetti dinners, comedians, etc.) to give students a chance to participate in activities without hav-

ing to break the bank. Tuition is high enough without charging ridiculous amounts of money. Congratulations to the SGA for a job well done.

Glitches. We have something for this category. And it's a doozy! It seems that during Frosh Week, (Saturday at Huntington Residence to be exact) some Frosh Leaders were out in the parking lot of said residence drinking alcohol. Two of the members of the 96 Orientation Team felt it necessary to call the police to report this incident. We feel that this action was nothing more than a knee-jerk reaction to something that happens on every campus in this country during Frosh Week! It is understandable that parents were upset when they heard that the police had been called to check in on their kids. We find it unfortunate that these two peo-

ple took it upon themselves to "police" the activities of Laurentian students instead of taking care of things at the Orientation 96 office. This could be the case of someone deciding that their job description contained more items than were actually listed on the job posting.

We almost forgot to thank the remainder of the Orientation 96 team for a job well-done. Students were given tours and had the opportunity to meet their professors and senior classmates. This program does ensure that students are not absolutely lost on the first day of classes. Congratulations must also go out to those faculty and staff members who participated in these events. Without them, there would be no point to having an academic orientation. Keep up the good job!



Students' General Association

Welcome to Laurentian University on behalf of the students' General Association. It is great to see all of the returning students and we look forward to meeting all first time students to Laurentian. It is going to be a very exciting time for students here at Laurentian. The SGA Executive has many great ideas for this year and with your help they will be realized. The Students' General Association was founded in 1960 the same year that Laurentian was formed. Since then the SGA has been serving in the best interest of students. The SGA looks for and seeks out students opinions and ideas on a wide array of topics. What do students want from Laurentian University? Many believe that there are three basic goals which the majority of students want. Students want accessibility, high quality education and they want their degree to mean something when they graduate. These three basic concepts are what the SGA continues to fight for. For any student association to be successful it needs constant input for its members. Academics and scholastic activities are the main reasons that people arrive at University, but also

important are the social and interactive situations which students experience.

When talking to any Alumni from Laurentian it is their strong belief that students should get involved. Whether it be with any club or association or special interest group. This is still the most effective way to expand ones picture of the world. When students look back over their academic careers they will see a great change in their perceptions and their personality. This change is emphasized by getting involved in activities.

Once again welcome to Laurentian and we look forward to seeing you through out the year. Good luck with your studies and if you have any concerns or words of encouragement or even just to sit down and talk about things please do not hesitate to drop by our office in the student centre. The student centre is located next to the Parker building. Until we talk again take care.

Sincerely,
Mike Grube
SGA President

Lambda Elections

The following staff positions will be open for election on September 27, 1996. Deadline for submitting nominations will be the 20th of September 1996. Elections will be held during the regular staff meeting at 2:00pm. People interested in these positions should contact Lambda at 673-6548 for nomination forms and further information on becoming staff.

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Registration Day: Heaven Or Hell?

by Kevin Perrault

Contributor

It was 9:00AM, Thursday September 5, 1996. The students were lined up to the bathroom just outside the Great Hall. And I was shocked to see the president of the University, Ross Paul, at the info table in front of the Great Hall helping students with whatever they needed. I have never seen a president in such a social setting without looking like an animal trapped in a cage. He actually looked like he was enjoying himself.

But as I walked by, I could still hear students grumbling about the line up and the supposed 2 hour wait. Boy, were they surprised! Within 20 minutes everybody had passed through the initial stage of picking up their registration forms and after another 30 minutes, all the students were in the Science Cafeteria.

At the same time, I started thinking about my registration day many eons ago. It had taken me an hour and a half to get through the

whole registration process and I had been one of the lucky ones. Today, 8 years later, nearly all the students had completed everything in the same amount of time that it had taken me, notwithstanding the students that arrived between 9:30AM and noon. I began to ask myself, how this was possible? Has the university become so much more effective over the years? The whole hadn't changed except for 2 things: 1) the three sessions have been divided alphabetically from P to Z, H to O, and A to G (which had the effect of controlling the number of students that went through each session), 2) there was a section for each letter of the alphabet (which reduced the search time for people's registration forms). In addition, their were volunteers all over the place, helping students with every part of the registration process.

However, it wasn't all rosy during the third session because of a situation that many students found unfair. The Physical Education students had the chance to fill out their

registration forms the night before, which meant that they could skip directly to the Science Cafeteria. This caused students, from the third session, to complain that certain courses were full; courses they needed to take but that were filled by Phys. Ed. students looking for "bird courses". But that is a reality that students have always had to deal with, some courses do fill up very quickly which leaves some students running around trying to rework their schedules.

So then, registration day is both heaven and hell for some students. Some students go through registration day very quickly and others have to lumber through, trying to arrange it so that their schedules work. Yet students must remember that they need only go through registration day once in their university careers. And from what I have seen, registration day improves yearly. The average time for a student to go through has been cut down from 2 hours to a measly 1:30.

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What Are You Made Of?

by Tara D'Angelo
Entertainment Editor

Are you entertaining? Are you entertained? Can you write? Can you read? Do you watch TV.? Do you go to or rent movies? Leave the confines of your bedroom? If you've answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you will ultimately enjoy the entertainment section of Lambda.

I have a few ideas about what this section will look like. There will be the standard movie reviews, CD reviews and book reviews as well as a monthly feature on popular Canadian musicians. There are also a few new cafes in town and I would like to

see a few reviews of them as well. But I can't do this on my own and therefore I need your help. I want to know what artists you would like to see featured in the pages of Lambda and if you so desire, you could write a few lines...or a whole article!

If you are feeling really ambitious, perhaps you could even become Assistant Entertainment Editor, a position which I held last year. It is a job with a fair amount of work and no pay, but is rewarding nonetheless. If this interests you, all you have to do is become a certified Lambda staff member and submit a nomination form when you see the

advertisement placed in the paper. It is usually at the end of September. I am interested in working with you so seriously consider the idea. Not only will you enjoy the experience, it looks great on a resume and prospective employers love that kind of stuff.

This year, the entertainment section of Lambda is working towards bringing students exactly what they want. After all, this is your paper and therefore, I take my cues from you as to what you want to hear and read. If you don't like something you see or if you feel free to contact me at 673-6548. Your comments and criticisms are welcome.

The Debt Free Grad—Murray Baker

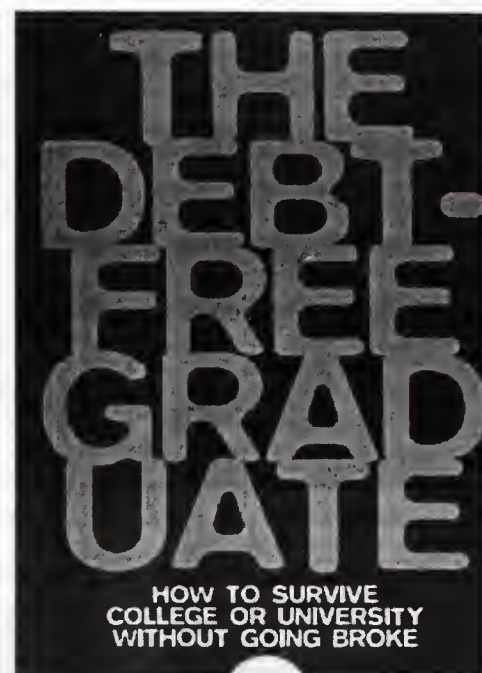
by I. M. Broke
contributor

It is rather unfortunate this book was discovered so late in my university career. My time at old L.U. is drawing to a close and this book would have been useful about three years ago when I was starting out. But, better late than never, I always say. This is a wonderfully useful and well written book which every university or college student should read before even considering post-secondary education. (Notice I didn't say BUY, that would require spending money.)

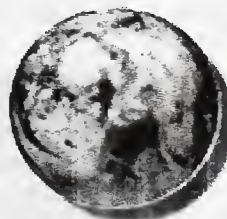
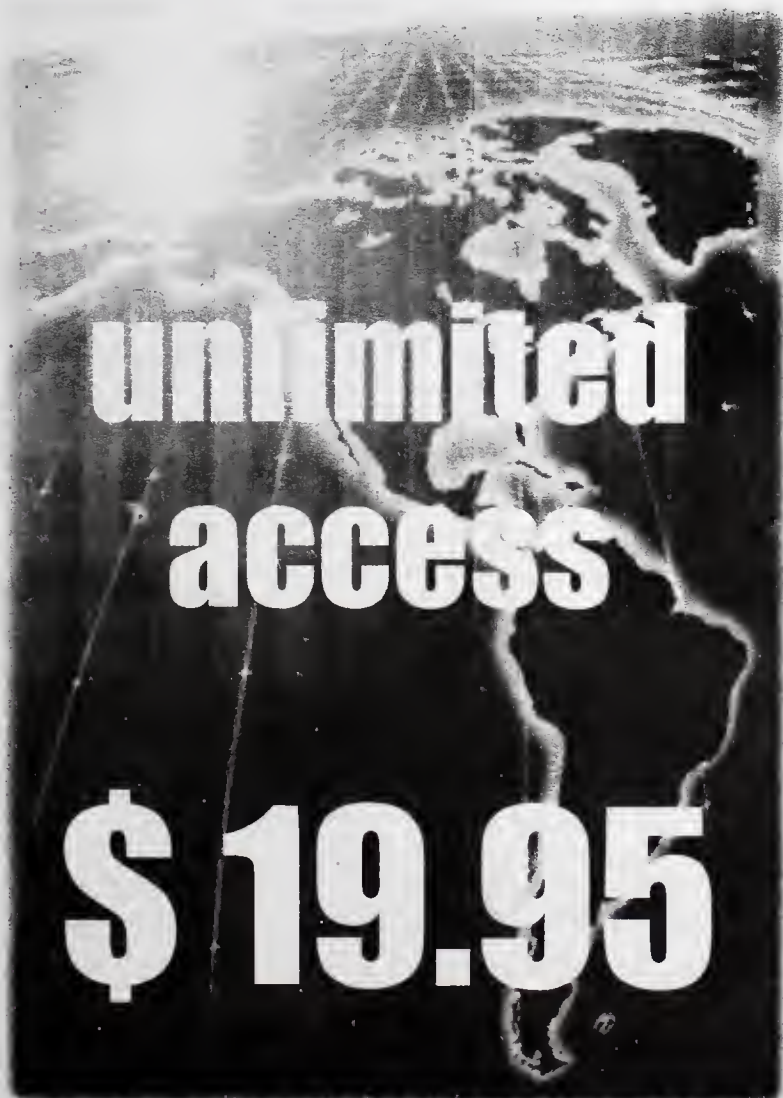
After reading the introduction, I was immediately taken with Baker's idea of writing a book about "how to earn, save and spend smart" that was geared solely at Canadian students. Sure, people have written this type of book before, but it has never been directed at students. Baker's tips are practical and workable. Instead of being preachy and telling every student to live at home and never go out, he details how to find an apartment on a budget and what activities to do for a relatively minimal expense.

An interesting chapter of this book which is not usually considered by most students is trying to find a part time or summer job which pays well, doesn't cost too much and will benefit throughout your university career. When looking for a summer job, Baker has ten strategies to consider such as thinking long term, looking for recession proof jobs and assessing the stability of the company to which you are applying. All of his tips are very practical, useful and aren't usually considered by students looking for work. Most of the time, students are so happy about actually finding a job they don't consider the pointers brought up in Baker's book.

I enjoyed this book tremendously and would recommend it to any student who is willing to read it. If any student would like to borrow it, drop by the Lambda office on the third floor of the Student Centre.



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Critic In The Back Row

by Francois Marier
Staff Writer

When it comes to movies, the summer of 96 could be judged as the "Summer of Action". This is usually the time when the big productions are released. This year, they mainly fell into the action-adventure category.

Kicking things off was *Twister* starring Helen Hunt and Bill. The movie was 2 hours of decent special effects with a horrible plot. Then came *Mission: Impossible* with Tom Cruise. I didn't enjoy this movie one bit except for the outstanding performance by Val Kilmer. The plot seemed very complicated in the beginning but turned out to be quite simplistic. The original television program was a technology which was far more advanced for the time but this was not the case in this movie. It did not live up to my expectations.

Let's explore and relive a storyline that has been done a million times before which is *Independence Day*. It stars Will Smith and Jeff Goldblum. A madman plans to blow up something and a couple of misfits save the day. If you wanted lots of action this was definitely the Camp of the Summer. I was a little impressed at the effort put into the movie and the plot but the characters were a bit flawed. In keeping with the action-adventure genre, Arnold was having to release a movie sooner or later and *Eraser* was certainly not his best. He plays the role of the perfect superhero who causes dramatic explosions and a lot of body counts for no reason. However, you can count on a solid performance.

The biggest movie making of the summer also had the most potential. *Independence Day* was a disaster movie with a great plot and great special effects. It was a bad movie but it was a good one. People are tired of seeing movies where the alien is the good guy like *ET*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Twilight Zone*. Remember this is the X-Files generation. The second half of the movie sucked and the ending was terrible. Jeff Goldblum and Will Smith were great but I can't say the same for Bill Pullman.

Among all these action movies was one about strippers ironically called *Striptease* starring Demi Moore and Bill. See this movie only if you feel the urge to contribute to the \$12 million Demi received to star in it. This summer had many hidden gems, two of which came early in the summer. The first was *Flirting With Disaster* which I strongly recommend if you want a great modern adult comedy. The second was *Fargo* by Joel and Ethan Coen. This is a dark comedy about a salesman from Minnesota who wants his wife killed for the insurance money. A great depiction of Heartland America that lives up to the Coen brothers' reputation earned for *Barton Fink*.

The real stars of the summer were *Welcome to the Dollhouse* and *Trainspotting*. There haven't been dark comedies like these in a long time. They deal with the serious issues such as being a teenager and heroin addiction but they do so in a darkly comedic manner.

Hope you enjoyed this summer movie going. To recap on a scale

- 5 stars:
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Fargo: ***1/2
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So That's What They Call Frosh Week

by Lisa Urso
Staff Writer

The first week of September calls to mind a variety of images from Labour Day barbecues to back to school shopping to first-year students covered in war paint screaming and walking in single file. The latter image was most prevalent here on our campus and probably all across North America. Welcome to university life, guys.

No one person can be around to witness all that is frosh week, but I will give you a summary of everything I managed to see. The week started officially on Sunday the first with the annual SGA Move In Madness. The energetic and sweaty folks from the student council hollered and cheered to welcome all new students as they moved into residence. Meanwhile, parents were invited to leave their sons and daughters for two hours and attend a **Parent Orientation Session**. A French and an English session were held simultaneously with panels consisting of a parent/professor, administrator, and an upper-year student. In case you would like to be a fly on the wall when your parents have a chance to air their concerns, I can tell you that the subjects covered included time management, dress codes, drinking on campus, professors' expectations, and curfews in residence.

Monday traditionally is the SGA Activity Day and this year was no exception. This is an important opportunity for on and off-campus frosh to mingle, throw eggs at each other, roll on top of each other, and tie themselves together. With the sun shining brightly, I saw a lot of smiling faces and it seemed like a good time was had by all. Though I did not attend, I heard that the pub that night (and every subsequent night that week) was packed.

On Tuesday, the Orientation team took advantage of the time slot previously occupied by the afternoon writing competency test to offer an extravaganza of academic orientation. First was a pizza free-for-all in VIP Square intended to entice BBQ-bored boys and girls. CFLR broadcast live on location with a signal that accidentally bounced off a few key spots and was picked up on regular FM as far as downtown. Keen listeners had the chance to hear interviews with Ross Paul, student council presidents, and other movers and shakers on campus. Students were then ushered into classrooms on this hot, hot day to have a chance to meet with members of their faculties and schools. Attendance was quite good and those present walked away feeling more at ease with what is expected of them at this big, new school.

Shinerama is a national

fundraising campaign for Cystic Fibrosis in which Laurentian students participated for the first time this year. There was a good turnout by most residences, especially considering that many of them went on a scum crawl the night before. The total funds raised were approximately \$2400 and prizes will be given to the top shiners and the top residence, which was SSR. Stay tuned to *Lambda* for more information.

The word chaos comes to mind when recalling the past three Registration Days I've witnessed. This year, however, was a pleasant change. Maybe it was because the registrar's office hired more staff for the day, or maybe it's because frosh were better prepared for the day's adventures, but the lines moved quite quickly and the people seemed much less confused. Hats off to all those involved.

That, from my perspective, is Frosh Week in a nutshell. Some people in residence or in LOCS may have seen different things and if they are printable, I dare you to write in and tell us about them. The emphasis this year seemed to be on positive activities that helped make students feel more comfortable at Laurentian. Yes, I know that there were Century Clubs and Superpubs and all kinds of other events designed just for fun, but it's nice to see that students do spend a little time thinking about school, even during frosh week.



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The Ministry of Education and Training has a new web site up and running for the academic year. It covers such topics as ministry publications, announcements, statistics and directories among others. It is located at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>

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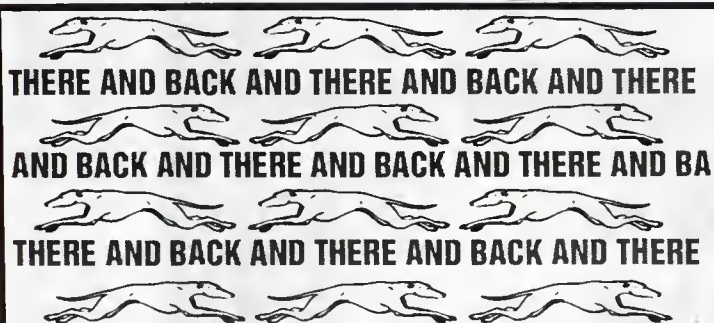
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Welcome To The Reel World

Cinefest, The Sudbury Film Festival, announced its Canadian program on August 29th, highlighted by the North American premiere of **Hard Core Logo**, Bruce McDonald's raw, punk-driven road film.

"Cinefest has always been proud to be in a position to develop and sustain an audience for Canadian film in our region," commented Festival programmer Sean Farnel. "The diversity of this year's Canadian line-up makes it one of Cinefest's most compelling to date."

The Festival opens Wednesday, September 18th with David Wellington's gripping adaptation of **Long Day's Journey Into Night**. Following the Stratford Festival's acclaimed production of Eugene O'Neill's masterful drama, the film stars William Hutt, Martha Henry, Tom McCamus and Peter Donaldson as members of the haunted Tyrone family.

Hard Core Logo will hit the screen on Friday, September 20. It stars Hugh Dillon, Callum Keith Rennie, John Pyper-Ferguson and Bernie Coulson. The film follows a legendary but now defunct Vancouver punk band, "Hard Core Logo", as they reunite and hit the road for one more shot at punk glory. Accompanying the band through the pristine landscape of Western Canada, filmmaker Bruce McDonald and crew record the pains and pleasures of the thirty-something punks.

"Yabba dabba do!" commented McDonald. "Looking forward to blowing the lid off. **HARD CORE LOGO** for a Hard Rock town!"

Along with five Gala screenings, a World Cinema section, Midnight Madness and the Open Vault program, 16 features and over 30 short films by Canadian filmmakers will be screened over the four days of programming.

Several returning filmmakers, some daring debuts and a few regionally flavoured films mark this year's Canadian line-up.

Deepa Mehta returns to Cinefest with her third feature, **Fire**, about the thwarted passions, spiritual obsessions and soured aspirations of a New Delhi family. With **Lilies**, former Cinefest Award winner John Greyson has crafted another sensual feast, as a grim prison becomes the stage for an elaborate and heart-rending drama. Another former Cinefest award winner, Peter Lynch, returns with **Project: Grizzly** which documents North Bay bear researcher Troy Hurtubise's efforts to construct and test a grizzly-proof suit.

Kissed, Lynne Stopkewich's bold debut, features a young necrophile coming to terms with her taboo sexuality while apprenticing as an embalmer at a funeral home. Quebec

filmmaker Pierre Gang's first feature film, **Sous-Sol**, is a candid and precise rendering of a young boy's troubled sexual awakening. And in **Swann**, Anna Benson Gyles' directorial debut, two disparate women form a friendship while investigating a grisly murder.

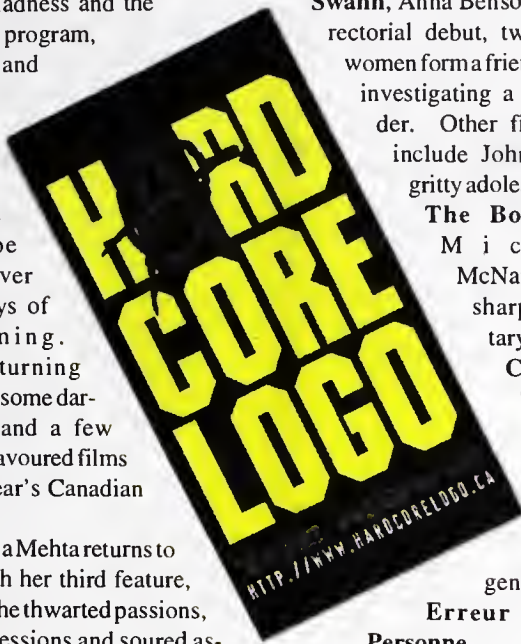
Other first features include John Fawcett's gritty adolescent drama, **The Boy's Club**; Michael McNamara's razor sharp commentary film, **The Cockroach That Ate Cincinnati**; and Gilles Noel's intelligent, reflective **Erreur Sur La Personne**.

Also included in the Canadian program is Magnuss Issacson's **Power**, a potent documentary about the Cree Indian's five-year struggle to stop the Great Whale hydroelectric project in Northern Quebec; and **The Powder Room**, an engaging peek into the private conversations of women.

Northern Ontario provides the back-drop for three films in this year's Canadian program. **Maman et Eve** is about four Sudbury women who, after years of marriage and motherhood, talk about discovering their lesbianism. In **Le Dernier Des Franco-Ontariens** poet Pierre Albert reflects upon Ontario's francophone culture, and in **Il Etait Deux Fois Une Election**, two young Northerners follow Bob Rae on the election trail.

A selection of Canadian shorts will also be screened, including perspectives drawn from such sources as The Toronto International Film Festival, Rendezvous Du Cinema Quebecois, the Canadian Film Center and Local Heroes International Screen Festival.

All screenings, with the exception of Galas, will be held at City Center Cinemas, Sudbury's downtown Famous Player's outlet.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 12th

If you haven't been already, try going to the Townhouse and catching a power blues show by the **War Heroes**. The atmosphere is very relaxed and the beverages are cold. They even have Interac so if you've received your OSAP, go out and have a party. If not, you can always go to the Pub and go dancing or watch re-runs of **Friends**.

Saturday, September 14th

Go to the Townhouse and see **I Love My Shih-tzu**. They played here in July and it was a resounding success. They have been described as a cross between The Clash and the B-52's and everyone who is anyone will be there.

Tuesday, September 17th

Cinefest is coming! Cinefest is coming! Cinefest is coming!

Wednesday, September 18th

The Laurentian/Cinefest Film Forum is today. There is a blurb about it somewhere on these pages so look for it for details..

I♥My Shih-tzu—Self-titled

by Jorge 'Hornblower' Carlos
Contributor

The debut CD from this Hamilton band leaves little doubt as to the pedigree of the group. This mix of former college radio veterans (from the Dik Van Dykes and Sinister Dude Ranch) makes obvious musical references to who they were, but they manage to avoid the temptation to sound like a tribute to themselves. The disc entered the CFLR Top 24 at #3 in early July and climbed to the #1 spot within a few weeks.

The songs are fun, fast-paced, and make no pretensions about changing the world. Jumping around and drinking beer are high on the list of priorities. So, apparently, are potential lawsuits. The songs mock everyone from Rita MacNeil to Frozen Ghost to the Rainbow Butt Monkeys.

Good things about the disc: clear vocals, big sound, girl singers, complete lyrics, and a low price (seven bucks!).

Bad things about the disc: only seven songs.

Since recording the disc, the line-up has changed to include former Wet Spots drummer Pete Za (a.k.a. Pete Second-best) - adding a more obvious punk gear to the drivetrain and furthering the image of some sort of Hamilton goofy-punk all-stars.

I♥My Shih-tzu will return to the Townhouse Tavern this Saturday, September 14th along with local dandies The Havocs. Get more info at <http://www.hookup.net/~wombat>

Keep your eyes peeled for the Laurentian and Cinefest Film Forum to be held on Wednesday, September 18th. My inside source says it should be very exciting so be on the lookout for the time and location.

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Soccer Vees Tie Carleton

by Remi Gunn
Staff Writer

The Laurentian Voyageurs opened the 1996 season on Sunday with a home game against the Carleton Ravens. Playing on a soggy field, the Vees tied the veteran Carleton side 1-1. Despite fielding a much younger team than last year (only six players returned from last year's team), the Voyageurs showed signs of what made them the top team in the OUAA East Division last year.

The Vee's took control of the game early in the first half with veterans striker Ricky James and defender Ivo Beljo setting the pace. A number of throw-ins and corner kicks led to a series of scoring opportunities that were only just repelled by Carleton goalkeeper Eric Peters.

Despite these close calls, the Vees experienced difficulty in scoring. Carleton was finally able to push the Vees back into their own end, though they never posed a serious threat to goalkeeper Steve Spano. The Vees, however, would not be denied. Midway through the first half a corner kick by midfielder Adrian Bubalo set up an excellent header by Ivo Beljo to give Laurentian its only goal.

As the game progressed the Vees began to show some signs of inexperience. The poise and determination that marked the Vees performance throughout the first half seemed to wane slightly in the second half. This latter half was largely a see-saw battle with neither side gaining a significant advantage. Although Carleton sometimes pushed deep into Laurentian's end, the ball was quickly sent back up the field by the Vees' able defenders.

Carleton's only goal came early in the second half. It was the result

of a fluke play in which the ball bounced over the head of the Laurentian goalkeeper. Carleton striker A. Woolridge was credited with the goal. Despite repeated attempts to rally, the Vees were unable to score and the game ended in a tie.

"I thought we played well enough to win," commented Vees' head coach Greg Zorbas, "but you score your own goals. We've got a young team. . .

For a first game against a really tough and experienced team we did really well. We had enough chances to win it but that's the way she goes."

The Vees will be on the road for the next two weekends, playing against U. of T., York, Queen's and Ryerson.

Their next home game will be on Saturday, Sept. 28 when they battle last year's division champions, Queen's.

by Biff
Columnist

Hi everyone! I would like to take this time to welcome everyone back from their long and exhausting summer vacations. In case you are reading this column for the first time, let me introduce myself. Biff is my name and predicting future events in the world of sports is my job. My partner from last year, Bart, has gone AWOL this year. He was last seen pursuing his studies at one of the Ivy League schools in the states. Unlike last year's stories, this year I shall concentrate on ALL sports. I shall try to keep you informed of rumors in such sports as hockey, football, and basketball among others. So, let's begin.

Turning our attention to the gridiron. Unless you've been hiding under a rock for the past month, most of you know by now that another NFL season has already kicked off. According to the "experts" Dallas, San Francisco and Green Bay are the

most likely teams to represent the National Football Conference (NFC) at the Super Bowl in New Orleans come January. As for the American Football Conference (AFC), anyone except the J-E-T-S and the Browns (sorry, I meant Ravens), have a shot at representing their conference for the big game. I will go on record and predict that Green Bay and Buffalo will meet for Super Bowl XXXI. Remember, you heard it here first.

Baseball season is currently upon us. The Atlanta Braves are definitely the team to beat after making last-minute adjustments to their roster. The only team that may upset them in the World Series could be the Cleveland Indians, if their pitching holds up. Key injuries to starters Dennis 'El Presidente' Martinez, Jack 'Black Jack' McDowell have made this once-powerful pitching staff an average one throughout the season thus far. My dark horse to win the World Series are the Texas Rangers. We all know they have the offense. The only question mark for this squad will be their defense (or lack of it).

Let's go Expos, too.

By the time you read this article, Game One of the World Cup of Hockey will be completed. Team Canada is the underdog coming into the final with Team USA. It will be interesting to see if our boys will be able to retain their dominance of the game. My first rumored trade of the season has the Montreal Canadiens and the Hartford Whalers involved in a blockbuster. The Habs would likely send forwards Brian Savage and Mark Recchi to the Whalers in exchange for forward Brendan Shanahan. You may not believe this now, but give it time. It just may happen. Don't be surprised if the Leafs deal centre Doug Gilmour during the season if Mats Sundin continues his fine play demonstrated thus far in the World Cup. Well, that's about it for this week. Next week, I shall give you my predictions on the BIG games in the NFL and divulge more rumors regarding potential hockey trades in the future.

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Intramural Update!!!

Welcome back to what promises to be another great year of Laurentian Intramurals.

We will be kicking off our season with Men's Slo Pitch on the weekend of September 21 & 22. Registration opens September 5 and closes September 9. Only 16 teams will be accepted (first come, first served), so get your teams in early. Golf will be held on September 20. Registration opens September 6 and closes September 11. Space is limited. Women's Slo Pitch will be held on the weekend of September 28 & 29 with registration running from September 5 to September 9. Again, only 16 teams will be accepted, so be sure to register your teams early. Men's Flag Football and Women's Flag Football kick-off on September 17 and September 18, respectively. Registration for both Men's and Women's teams open on September 9 and close on September 12. Again, space is limited so register early. Men's games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights while the Women will take to the field on Monday and Wednesday nights. Finally, Men's Basketball and Women's basketball will tip-off on September 26. Registration for both leagues runs from September 10 to September 16. Space is limited to 16 teams in each league. Games for both leagues will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

For a full list of intramural sports offered this year, please refer to the schedules posted throughout the university and in this issue of the Lambda. Additional schedules are available at the Department of Active Living.

The Editor Speaks

by Remi Gunn
Staff Writer

Hello Lambda readers. My name is Remi Gunn and I am the new acting sports editor. I am also a second year English/History major and a hockey fan. My favourite teams include the Canadiens and any team that beats the Leafs. Seriously, though, I hope to cover all of Laurentian's Varsity teams while still providing columns on professional sports and sports issues. I would also like to provide more articles about Laurentian's athletes. Our school has made a name for itself by consistently fielding competitive teams in a variety of sports and I believe its important to know just who these athletes are.

These are the goals that I've set for the sports section this year. I'm not promising fireworks or flashy features; just competent sports writing with a focus on Laurentian's Varsity teams. To fulfill these goals, however, I am going to need writers. If you would like to cover any of the Varsity teams or write a column about a favourite sport, just drop by the Lambda office (SCE 301) and talk to me. It doesn't matter what year you are in or what your major is. I will give anyone a chance. Remember, the Lambda is a student run paper. If you don't volunteer, who will.

The 5 Commandments of Corporate Athletics

by Remi Gunn
Sports Writer

Corporations are the new face of sports. Businessmen in suits are fast replacing athletes as the true decision makers in all aspects of organised athletics. From sporting complexes with names like G.M. Place and The Corel Centre to multi-million dollar endorsement contracts, big business is swallowing up professional and amateur sports at a terrifying rate. Any shred of respectability in sports has long been forgotten in the race for the almighty dollar. Athletes are simply walking, running and skating dollar signs. Teams are just puppets whose strings the corporations pull on at a whim. This is the brave new world of sports. It walks. It talks. It laughs. It cries. And it empties your pocketbook without remorse. It even has its own code of ethics. This code is what I like to call the five commandments. Please note that the list was shortened from ten commandments to allow more time for commercials.

1. If a corporation offers you an arm and a leg for a piece of your "action", be sure to demand a kidney for good measure.

This is the law of the land for players' unions and individual athletes. It is also the basis on which the famed \$20 million endorsement contracts are signed.

2. Don't just be media friendly. Seduce and marry the media if it will help.

The Olympics are the latest victim of this rule. In an effort to draw larger audiences, the media coverage of the Olympics has been reduced to a sugar-coated series of flag-waving soap operas. In Atlanta it seemed that every athlete had his or her own heart-warming, well-scripted tale of triumph over tragedy.

3. If the rules don't fit, change them.

Basically, if a corporation wants its multi-million dollar pro athletes to compete in an amateur sporting competition, then the multi-million dollar pro athletes will compete in an amateur sporting competition. It is for this reason that we are forced to watch the "Dream Team" trounce blatantly inferior teams every fourth summer for the rest of our lives.

4. If you can't be exciting, be political.

Although this rule has fallen into disuse lately, people still love to hate those nasty Russians, unscrupulous Cubans and bloodthirsty Chinese. If you want proof, just look at Don Cherry. His appeal and media image are firmly grounded in Cold War paranoia and fear of foreign powers.

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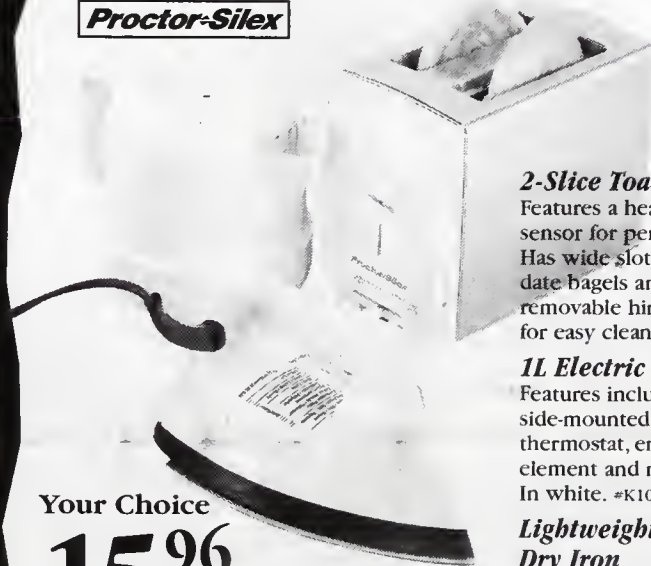
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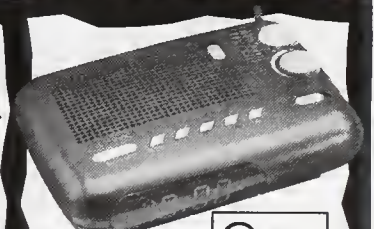
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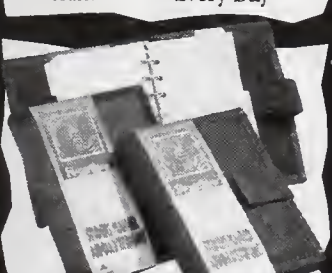
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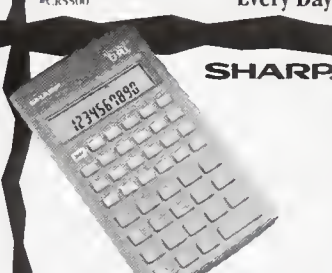
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Computer Work Station
Large work surface. Black and granite-look or oak-finish. 42" W x 20" D.

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Gooseneck Desk Lamp with Organizer
This 15" adjustable lamp is perfect for detailed work. Hand base-mounted on/off switch.

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Scientific Calculator
With large 10-digit LCD display, high-speed calculation, single variable statistics, time and fraction calculations.

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LOW PRICES!



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SPORTS BAR AND

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Your 7-day Ralph's Event
Calendar

Monday

25¢ wings

Pool tourney starts at 8:30pm

Tuesday

Pricing with the student in mind

Beat the line-up

Wednesday

Bring 4 friends and play pool for free*

Thursday

Lowest prices in town. Come to Ralph's
and Beat the Line-up

Friday

L.U.'s Pub night for associations and
other student groups. Reserve your
fundraising night now by calling
522-5535.

Saturday

The only place to hang out in Sudbury

Sunday

Catch the game on our giant screens

* - with purchase

Ralph's Contest

We need a logo and a mascot for
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*Win a \$100 gift certificate and
RalphWear!*

Take out your pens and pencils and
let your creative juices flow!
Deadline for entries is September
30th 1996.

Drop off your entries at Ralph's,
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